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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 714

By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor Betty Reed Gregory on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Betty Reed Gregory is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and acuity for 26 years as the Trousdale County Trustee; and

WHEREAS, she began her illustrious career as Trustee at a tragic time in her life; she was appointed by the Trousdale County Commission to complete the term of her husband, J.B. Gregory, Jr., who had died in that office; and

WHEREAS, born on December 17, 1935 to parents Willie Delrock and Georgia Wiseman Reed, Betty Reed was educated in the Westmoreland schools; and

WHEREAS, Betty Reed Gregory was elected the 20th Trustee in the history of Trousdale County in August of 1972, being the first woman to hold the office of County Trustee; and

WHEREAS, she was the first candidate in Trousdale County history to receive over 1800 votes in a county election; and

WHEREAS, since 1972, Betty Gregory has overwhelmingly won re-election in 1974, 1978, 1982, 1986, 1990 and 1994; and

WHEREAS, Betty has been an active and vital part of the community and her profession, participating in numerous civic organizations, including the Rural Area Development

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Committee, as the former secretary of the Business and Professional Women, as the former secretary and as a member of the Administrative Board of the Lions Club, the Eastern Star and as the former Chairman of the local fund drive for the local Red Cross after the tornado disaster of 1974; and

WHEREAS, she has also been a dedicated member of the Tennessee Democratic Party and has admirably served in various offices in the Trousdale County Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, her countless accomplishments aside, Betty is most appreciative of the love and companionship she shares with her son and daughter-in-law, Timothy Dale and Sherry Kelly Gregory; and

WHEREAS, Betty Gregory exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, her adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we commend Betty Reed Gregory for her excellent service as Trousdale County Trustee and extend to her our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.